Appointment of foreign company as advisor for modernization of stations

†2730. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a foreign company has been appointed as advisor for converting several major railway stations of the country into stations of international standard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the stations selected Under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (b) A consortium comprising of M/s Terry Farrel and Partners, Hong Kong, Ove Arup and Partners, Hong Kong and SMEC International Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon have been engaged as Consultants for re-development of only New Delhi railway station as world class station.

(c) Other 21 stations identified for development as World Class station are: Pune, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai), Howrah, Anand Vihar (Delhi), Bijwasan (Delhi), Lucknow, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Varanasi, Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram, Secunderabad, Ahmedabad, Patna, Gaya, Bhubaneswar, Mathura, Agra, Bangalore, Bhopal and Jaipur.

New track for additional passenger trains

†2731. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States of the country in which additional passenger trains are being run this year;

(b) whether Railways has also made any provision for laying new tracks for these new trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reason therefor;

(e) whether Railways has started additional passenger trains in Haryana during the last two years; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The train services of Rail Budget 2007-08 shall serve the following states:

Andhra Pradesh	Tamil Nadu	Rajasthan	Goa
Madhya Pradesh	Jharkhand	Gujarat	Delhi
Jammu and Kashmir	Karnataka	Haryana	Punjab
Uttar Pradesh	Maharashtra	Orissa	Bihar
Uttarakhand	Chhattisgarh	Kerala	Assam
West Bengal			

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) The necessary budgetary allocation is being made for various projects including new lines, gauge conversions and doubling. The outlay is, however, not specified for a particular train. The trains are also introduced on new assets.

(e) and (0 Yes, Sir, The following trains, which have been introduced during the last two years (2005-06 and 2006-07) to serve passengers of Haryana:-

SI. No.	Train No.	From	To	Nature
1	2445/2446	New Delhi	Udhampur	Sampark Kranti Express
2	2963/2964	Udaipur	Nizamuddin	Mewar Express
3	4525/4526	Ambala Cantt	Sriganganagar	Intercity Express
4	4790A	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Rewari	Express
5	5715/5716	Kishanganj	Ajmer	Garib Nawaj Express
6	2053/2054	Amritsar	Haridwar	Janshatabdi Express
7	4601/4602	Sonpur	Jammu Tawi	Mour Dhwaj Express
S	4321/4232	Bhuj	Bareilly	Ala Hazrat Express
9	9781/9782	Jaipur	Amritsar	Express
10	1449/1450	Jabalpur	Jammu Tawi	Express
11	2203/2204	Amritsar	Saharsa	Garib Rath Express
12	9269/9270	Motihari	Porbandar	Express
13	1/2 RD	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Rewari	Passenger
14	163/164	Ajmer	Rewari	Passenger
15	3RD	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Rewari	Passenger
16	499/500	Jaipur	Rewari	Passenger
17	5/6 RD	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Rewari	Passenger
18	8/9 RD	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	Rewari	Passeger
19	3 RKB/ 6RKB	Rohtak	Bhiwani	Passenger

Improving the infrastructure shortage and handling of cargo

2732. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to,state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the poor infrastructure and mishandling of cargo at the railway stations thereby causing avoidable damages and loss to the cargo;